ment for Casual Paid Labourers (CPLs) preference is given to the retrenched CPLs in re-engagement, subject to their conforming to the prescribed guidelines.

रक्षा कार्मिकों के आश्रितों को पेंशन

1358. **कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रक्षा कार्मिकों की आकस्मिक मृत्यु हो जाने पर उनके आश्रितों को पेंशन दी जाती है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच भी है कि ऐसे मामलों का हर चार वर्ष के बाद पुनरीक्षण किया जाता है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि हाल ही में कुछ संसद सदस्यों ने पत्र लिखकर यह अनुरोध किया है कि ऐसे आश्रितों को चार वर्षों के बाद भी पेंशन मिलती रहे ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो ऐसे पत्रों के आधार पर कितने आश्रितों को पेंशन मंजूर की गयी ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० राजा रमन्ना) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जी, नहीं । केवल उन अफसरों के आश्रितों के पेंशन संबंधी मामलों की हर तीन वर्ष बाद पुनरीक्षा की जाती है, जिनकी मृत्यु 1.1.1986 से पूर्व हो गयी थी ।

(ग) जी, हां ।

(घ) शून्य ।

Environmental Pollution in Europe and India

1359. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the "Time International" of the 9th April, 1990 regarding enviornmental pollution in Europe; if so, whether some industrial areas in India are also in the grip of similar situation;

(b) whether Government are aware that similar situation exists in VAPI in Gujarat and also in parts of Delhi, Faridabad Jamshedpur, etc; if so, the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken; and

(c) whether a standing monitoring cell would be created with a strong NGO representation therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government along with the State Pollution Control Boards (PCB) have prepared an action plan for controlling pollution in critically polluted industrial areas. The PCBs have directed the industries to comply with the prescribed standards within a stipulated period.

(c) There is no proposal to create a standing monitoring cell with a strong NGO representation as the Central and State Pollution Control Boards are taking necessary steps to monitor and control pollution. However, for environmental clearance of projects, there is representation for non-officials in the committees set up for examining the proposals submitted to the Government.

Competence of EAROS to sign Enrolment Forms

1360. SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers are competent to sign the enrolment forms of the recruits in such capacity as EARO;

(b) whether the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers are also competent to assess the age of the illiterate recruits at the time of enrolment; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, under which rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) There is no appointment as Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer existing in the Recruiting Organisations of the three Services. No illiterate persons are currently recruited in the Armed Forces.

(c) Does not arise.

Pollution of Jhanji River in Assam

1361. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Nagaland Pulp and Paper Mills Limited at Tuli in Nagaland has completely polluted the water of the Jhanji river in Sibsagar district of Assam;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the water of the Jhanji river was used by numerious villages situated on both the banks of the river for drinking and other household purposes and it has become imposible to use it now;

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to prevent the pollution; and

(d) whether a time bound plan has take up by Governmet to keep of the said river pollution-free?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b). The Nagaland Pulp and Paper Mills Ltd., Tuli, has caused pollution of the Jhanji river as the effluent of the mill does not conform to the prescribed standards

(c) and (d). The Nagaland Pulp and Paper Mills Limited has installed an effluent treatment plant as well as a 6 Km. long pipe line for discharging of the effluent away from the river. The Mill authorities have also been asked to set up a colour removal plant for the effluent. The Regional Commitee on Enviroment for the North Eastern Region has been asked to study the effect of discharging treated effluents on forest land, as an alternative.

Pollution in Assam villages by the drilling operations of ONGC

1362. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has polluted a lare number of villages in Assam at the time of drilling and other operations and the river Dorika in Sibsagar district has been completely polluted if so what steps are being taken by Government to check the pollution caused by the Oil and Natural Gas Commision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): In Upper Assam, the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) operates oil fields at Lakwa, Rudrasagar and Galeki. The total quantity of waste water generated in these oil fields from drilling and processing is around 4000 M3 per day The waste water from drilling is treated in all the three oil fields and is recycled. The waste water from processing in Lakwa is treated; in Rurdrasagar and Galeki the effluent treatment plants are under construction.

Increase in Number of CAD/CAM Computers

1363. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of CAD/CAM Computers is fast increasing in the country;

(b) if so, what are the projections for their growth during the next five years;

(c) what are the details of measures being taken by Government to ensure that obsolete equipment is not offloaded by certain foreign multi-nationals going in for collaboration for the production of CAD/CAM systems in India; and